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May

By Mrs. Avis Swiger

MAY was the third month of the year until the addition of January and February by the Romans; then it became the fifth month. The origin of the name for the month of May is somewhat obscured by the fact that it could have come from various sources. Two of the more likely ones are suggested here.

Mata was the Roman goddess of spring and growth, and she was the mother of Mercury. Since the Romans named the month and it does correspond with the time of the growth of all of nature, it could certainly have been named for her. Again, it could as easily have been named for "Majores," a name given to one division of the men of the empire. The older men were to be used for counselors and the younger ones (called "Juniors") for warriors. The month of May was held sacred to the "Majores"; therefore, the word may have been shortened to "May" and used as the name of the month. May is usually pictured as a lovely maiden, not as an old man, so the first idea seems best.

From very ancient times, there have been joyous celebrations on the first of May. During the time of the Roman Empire, it was a day sacred to *Flora*, the goddess of flowers. The new life and beauty that nature takes on at that time of year has always excited interest and activity, so the celebrations have continued down through the years.

Chaucer and other writers give us word pictures of the May Day celebrations in England. Very early on the morning of the first day of May the people went to the fields and woods to gather wild flowers. This expedition was called "going a-Maying." They returned at daybreak, "bringing home the May," and decorated their homes with the spoils. The whole day was given to merriment and the joy of the springtime.

There are other special days in the month, also. Mother's Day is the second Sunday in the month. It has been so by proclamations of the Presidents since 1914. Special honor is given to the mothers of our land on that day.

Memorial Day, sometimes known as Decoration Day, is May 30 and is a legal holiday in most states. The idea of this holiday is to honor the war dead of our nation. It has, however, become a day for the decoration and beautification of all the cemeteries of our land.

The real spirit of May can be summed up in beauty, joy, growth, activity, happiness, and contentment. The same things will apply to the church and the Christian life. God is the author of beauty and of activity. Nature has put on her new coat of beauty because of growth and activity. The church will, likewise, put on the attributes that are desirable when real activity is present. The life and vigor of the springtime should fill each heart, and new growth will

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be the logical result.

If no new "sprouts" of service are springing up, perhaps there is something wrong with the roots. We can dig down into our hearts and lives and find the cause of the dead roots. New seeds should be planted at once if we are to have a crop at harvest time.

How Complete Is Your Home?

By Mrs. Alice R. Flowers

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WITH HOLY SATISFACTION God rested after all His marvelous creative endeavors. The earth, the sea, the sky give witness to His power in framing the universe which was to house His master creation, Adam and Eve. For their special comfort God had planted a garden in which grew "every tree pleasant to the sight, and good for food." There was a special river to water that garden — the whole a prospect beyond description. No wonder God rested as He beheld "everything that he had made . . . very good."

To Adam the crowning earthly joy was the presentation of Eve to share with him the loveliness of fair Eden. She was his God-given helpmeet; and now we see the first family established in their home. More than human association was involved in this, however; there was God-relationship for Adam and Eve. It was God's garden, and Adam and Eve could enjoy its gracious privileges only through continued obedience to Him.

Obedience to Him brought delightful communion with Him. No doubt they frequently heard "the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day" and ran to meet Him as happy children would greet a loving parent. Disobedience broke this communion, bringing shame and fear. Somewhere outside Eden the couple established another home, a poor substitute for the first home where they had fellowshiped with God in the completeness of His favor.

God had a great disappointment out of that first home's failure, and many years passed before God called Abraham. See how God emphasized right family relationships in dealing with him, stressing proper recognition of godly principles. Strong words these, "I know him (Abraham), that he will command his children and his household after him" (Genesis 18:19). To what end? The very fulfillment of God's promises

THE HOME BUILDER

MORE THAN A HOUSE
...A HOME



"THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOREVER." — 1 PET. 1:25

depended on how faithfully Abraham wisely disciplined and directed his children and servants.

Note carefully the early history of the Hebrews as God taught them principles of success as a nation. Through their wilderness journeyings, in possessing the land of Canaan, there was continued emphasis laid upon household unity in righteous living. The Passover story gives the twofold aspect of this emphasis with the blood of the slain lamb upon the door for protection, and the family gathered within the house to partake of the roasted lamb for the needed sustenance in the difficult journey ahead. Some stress only the first, ignoring the important second phase of this marvelous Passover observance.

Apply the blood to the doorposts and lintel of your home, acknowledging your faith in the finished work of our great Redeemer for the need of your household. Never forget, however, there is a subsequent responsibility of parents to gather together their households for definite partaking of the Lamb — the Word of our God which liveth and abideth forever. Here has been the breakdown in many families, one great reason for the wayward children of supposedly godly parents.

Assurance came to the parents through the application of the blood by faith; but travelling strength was derived by the parents-directed partaking of the Paschal lamb. That Passover night the world was shut out and that family shut in together, due importance

being laid on the significance of that sacred meal. This rushing age would quickly and easily crowd God out of any home. But remember, God's moving in every child's life starts normally in the home; and it was the wise man who said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). God has given here a marvelous type of spiritual completeness in our homes.

As went the Hebrew homes, so would go the nation. Soundness in family life meant healthy grass roots for the kingdom to be established later. The book of Deuteronomy gives certain vital principles for solid Hebrew home life as they shortly were to take up their residence in the Promised Land. God had far-reaching sight for their national endurance; so He emphasized the need of constant recognition of God's Word in their individual homes. To this day the stability of Jewish home life has been unsurpassed and the divorce evil least menacing to them.

The sixth chapter actually commands that God's Word have a recognized place in the table talk and fireside chats of the family circle. Thus the Word becomes living in the home. Since the Bible constantly presents man as seeking God's approval, one cannot live with the Book by daily habit and not himself grow in desire and capacity to please His Maker. Thinking on things "that are true, lovely, of good report" produces what is noblest in character and pays the highest on such investment in the home.

There are many homes where once the "altar light" glowed and the home was complete. Through subtle snares Satan has dimmed, even quenched that light. Rush of business, lust for gold, love of the world, carelessness, indifference, sin, disobedience have caused one or both of the parents to fall in their responsibility. Boys and girls going forth from such homes know not the real values of life; and, without a standard of righteous holy conduct, they become an easy prey for the crowding forces of evil which assail everyone today. Here is the chief reason for the lack of God-consciousness among youth today, and who will answer for this before the bar of God?

A young mother asked an evangelist when she should start training her five-year-old child for God. He answered, "You are five years too late now. You have missed the most valuable years of shaping your child's life. Go home and erect at once your family altar. With God's blessing you may be able to redeem some of the years that the locusts of neglect have eaten." Tom Paine said he was an infidel before he was five, the product of his home influence.

Thomas Guthrie wrote: "If you find yourself loving any pleasure better than your prayers, any book better than your Bible, any house better than God's house, any person better than the Lord Jesus, any indulgence better than the hope of heaven — TAKE ALARM!" To which could well be added by every Christian parent — If you find yourself pampering, entertaining, pleasing your children to the neglect of praying with them — TAKE GREAT ALARM. You are responsible for their souls as well as their bodies — the completeness of a Christian home.

Faith of Our Mothers

Faith of our mothers, living yet

In cradle song and bedtime prayer,
In nursery love and fireside lore,

Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,

The fount of childhood's trust and grace,
O may thy consecration prove

The wellspring of a nobler race.
Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,

For youthful longings—youthful doubts,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,

Thy providential care without.
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,

In truth beyond our man-made creeds,
Still serve the home and save the church,

And breathe thy spirit through our deeds.
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

—Arthur B. Patten, 1920.

HOME SWEET HOME

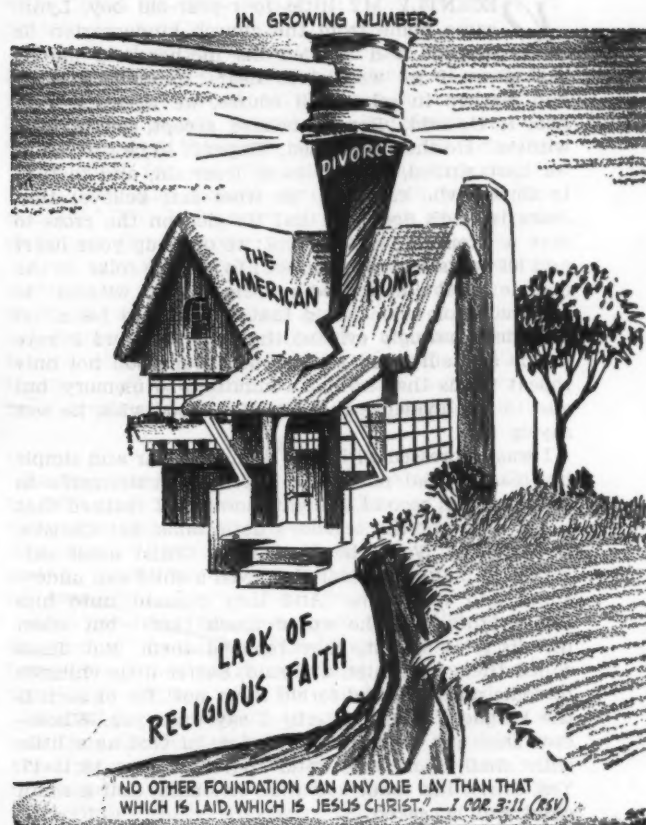
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A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is the simplest form of the Church on earth. Before the Lord established a church on this earth, He placed a family and a home on it. It is our Lord's intention that a father assume the role of pastor of the little congregation, more familiarly known as his family. Mother has a most important ministry, too, as the Sunday School superintendent and the young people's president. The children, of course, constitute the congregation. When the Word of God is read and taught in the home; hymns and gospel songs are sung; prayer is offered by each one in the family circle; testimonies for God's glory are given magnifying His goodness and faithfulness; and love for Christ and each other is demonstrated by each one in the family; there is then the vivid fulfillment of the familiar expression, "There is no place like home."

It has been aptly said, "Happy are the families where the government of parents is the reign of affection, and the obedience of the children, the submission of love."

The highest ambition of spiritual parents should be satisfied with a succession of holy and useful living on the part of the children. The noblest aspirations of the children should be to have their names written in the Book of Life, and their family history a continuous record of devotion to Christ. Abraham was especially honored by God. He gives the reason, "Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation,



and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him, for I know . . . that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord" (Genesis 18: 18, 19).

Praying families all over the land may be traced back to pious homes. God honors family piety. A happy family is but an earlier heaven. Never allow the best part of your family tree to be underground. An attractive motto hangs in the reception hall of my home. Many visitors have commented about it. I have pointed it out on those occasions when marriages have been solemnized at the parsonage. This is what the motto says: "Home sweet home, when each lives for the other, and all live for Christ."

HOUSE AND HOME

A house is built of logs and stone,
of tiles and posts and piers;
A home is built of loving deeds
that stands a thousand years.

—Victor Hugo.

RECENTLY MY little four-year-old boy, Lynn, came home from the church kindergarten he attends and thrilled his mother and me by asking us if we wanted to hear "sumpin" that he had learned in school. Of course, we were eager to hear it. He said, "Repent, believe, accept, confess, and witness." He then explained, "Repent: to be sorry that we have sinned, to turn away from sin, and to turn to Christ who can keep us from sin; believe: that Jesus is God's Son and that He died on the cross to save us from our sins; accept: to open up your heart and let Jesus come in; confess: to tell the folks on the outside what's happened on the inside; witness: to tell the whole wide world that I belong to Jesus." It is understandingly evident that my wife and I were happy and surprised to hear our young son not only repeat words that he had committed to memory, but also to give evidence that he understood what he was saying.

I was impressed with how definite, clear and simple his teacher had made the essential requirements to salvation. On second thought, however, I realized that these were not the teacher's definitions, but Christ's. In His Holy Word the Lord Jesus Christ made salvation so plain and clear that even a child can understand and receive it. "And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein," Luke 18:15-17. Yes, Christ has made salvation so simple that a small child can be saved.

The way of salvation is so clear and definite that the "wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein" (Isalah 35:8). Christ Jesus said in His Holy Word, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," John 14:6.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the way; that is, He is the route to heaven. There are certain landmarks or signs along the way, however, that must be observed and obeyed if we are to "enter into the kingdom of heaven." As my son recited, these landmarks are: repent, believe, accept, confess, and witness.

Repent

The Bible teaches that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"; "there is none righteous, no, not one"; "the soul that sinneth it shall die"; and "the wages of sin is death."

The word *repent* in the Word of God means "a change of mind, to turn away from sin and to go in a new direction." We find the Old Testament prophets warning the Israelites to change, to forsake their evil ways, and to turn from sin to God. The message of John the Baptist was, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The theme of much of Christ's preaching was "Repentance." He said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Christ has given us a picture of sincere and true

Landmarks

By Rev. H. J. Boatman, Jr.

repentance in the parable of the Prodigal Son found in Luke 15:11-32. The prodigal's statement, "I will arise," reveals that he had come to the realization that he was being dragged down by sin and that sin would eventually destroy him completely. He became disturbed over his condition and said, "I will go"; that is, he determined not to stay where he was, he exercised his will to the extent that he was no longer willing to be the servant of sin or remain in sin. Therefore, he set out in a new direction—toward his father's house.

Sinner friend, God would have you to realize that you are a sinner and that your sins will destroy you. He would have you to be more than just sorry that you are a transgressor who deserves eternal damnation. He would have you to begin at once in a new direction — toward Christ and heaven, with a changed mind about God, sin, and yourself. You need to know that God is your heavenly Father who waits to receive and accept you in love and forgiveness; that sin pollutes and damns, that it must be abandoned, and that you are unable to save yourself; that all you can do is to come to God through Christ, confessing your sins and believing that He can and will save and help you.

Will you at this moment decide definitely and forever that you will no longer continue in sin but that you are going to believe and accept the Lord Jesus Christ?

Believe

In Acts 16:30 the Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Their reply was, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Real saving faith is more than just believing what we have read or heard about Christ; it is believing on Christ as a Person. It is believing on Christ Jesus for Himself.

Faith that saves is that which comes from the knowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ is the "only begotten Son of God," that He is God's perfect gift (John 3:16) to a lost world, and that Christ Jesus

Along the Way

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died willingly on the cross to atone for our sins that we might become the children of God.

Saving faith is more than knowledge in the head about Christ; it is also of the heart. "And shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness," Romans 10:9, 10. Saving faith causes a person to feel that he must place all of his confidence and trust in such a Person as Christ. He feels that he can no longer live without becoming intimately acquainted with so wonderful a Saviour.

Thus, it is easy for a sinner to be saved if he knows that Christ is the only Saviour. He is amazed to discover how easy it is to come to Christ, to love Him, and to accept Him.

Accept

Nowhere in the Bible does God demand that man plead, entreat and beg Him for salvation; rather, the Bible pictures God lovingly pleading and inviting sinful man to come to Him through repentance and faith in Christ whom He has made "a propitiation for our sins."

The Bible records one invitation after another from God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit to man. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light," Matthew 11:28-30. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," Revelation 22:17.

The royal invitation is found in Revelation 19:9, "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." Here God the Father invites you to the marriage of His Son. It is a time when the believers and saints of all the ages shall sit down

with Christ at this wonderful marriage feast in heaven.

God has done all that He can do. He stands as did the prodigal's father, looking for you, beckoning you with outstretched arms eager to receive you. Christ Jesus stands before you. He shows you His hands and feet that were spiked and His side that was pierced for you. He calls to you to come. He says, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." The Holy Spirit strives with you to resist no longer but to come to Christ now.

Your salvation awaits only your consent and acceptance of these glorious and free invitations. Becoming a Christian does not have to be a long, drawn-out process. You will be saved the moment you turn toward Jesus Christ and believe on Him with all the power of your soul. That moment salvation will be immediate and definite in your heart and life.

Confess

In the sinner that turns from his sins to Christ in faith, believing and accepting Him as his Saviour, there is a willingness to frankly confess all sins. The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," 1 John 1:9.

After receiving salvation there is a willingness on the part of the newborn Christian to confess Christ before the world as His personal Saviour. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed," Romans 10:9-11.

Our every word and deed either confess or deny Christ. Thus, it is important that we listen to the words of Christ. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven," Matthew 10:32, 33. When you are obedient to the Lord's command and follow Him in water baptism and are baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," you are openly confessing Christ before the world of men.

When you partake with the saints of the Lord's Supper, you are testifying and confessing, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me," Galatians 2:20. By partaking of the Lord's Supper often, you are letting men know that you are continuously in communion and fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and that your new self or new life is dependent upon the indwelling presence of Christ.

Oh! the joy that comes to the child of God who openly and boldly confesses Christ to a world of sinful and dying men!

Witness

Witnessing is simply telling others what you personally know, have seen, or experienced to be the truth. Witnessing of Christ and His glorious gospel is a natural outflow and result of a life that is overflowing with His presence, power, and love.

Christ Jesus has commissioned all Christians to witness and to let their lights shine before men, that they may come to the saving knowledge of Christ. All will not be called to preach or teach, but all are to engage in the most important work of His kingdom, the winning of lost souls.

If you are now gloriously and wonderously saved from sin, you are Christ's representative, His ambassador. You have been duly commissioned by the King of kings, and Lord of lords to carry on faithfully and obediently the work of His kingdom.

If you have been gloriously and wonderously saved from sin, you cannot keep from telling others of Christ's saving grace and power, of His willingness and ability to save, and of the joy, peace, and assurance that is now yours.

"He that winneth souls is wise," Proverbs 11:30. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever," Daniel 12:3.

The most thrilling experience you can have in this life is to win someone to Christ.

TRIBUTE TO A VIGILANTE



EVERY ONE OF US AT
ONE STAGE IN LIFE

"GIVE HER THE DUE REWARD OF HER WORK." — PRO. 31:31 (GOODSPEED TRS)

Getting Acquainted YOUR B

By W. D. Po

AS YOU HAVE HELD your Bible for study and meditation, have you ever wondered just how the Bible which you held came into existence?

The Bible says in John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The story is told to us by Moses in the book of Genesis that God walked in the Garden of Eden in the cool of the day, and talked with Adam whom He had created out of the dust of the earth.

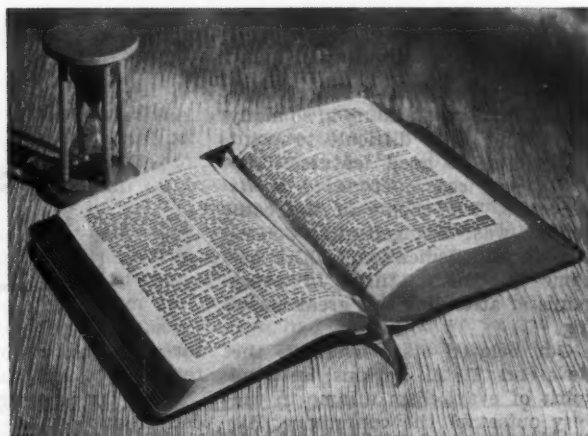
In the land of Ur of the Chaldees God found a man named Abram; He promised to make of him a nation whose seed would be as the sand of the sea and as the stars of heaven in number. God thought it not strange to communicate with Abraham (as he was later named) and his descendants every step of the way from the land of Ur to the heathen lands of Egypt where Joseph gave up the ghost and was buried beside his forefathers.

As man began to multiply upon the face of the earth, God used the burning bush to call Moses to work for Him. Forty years later on Mount Sinai God gave unto Moses His Ten Commandments which He had written on two tablets of stone with His finger.

The Lord spoke to Moses and instructed him to assemble all the congregation of the house of Israel. While all the people stood up before Moses and Aaron the written Word of God which the Lord had previously given to Moses was read unto them. At still later gatherings of the children of Israel, whose increasing numbers were now divided into tribes and families, God spoke to Moses with instructions to notify each father that he was to teach each member of his household the great and marvelous things which the Lord God had done for them. Thus the Word of God was passed down from father to son, generation after generation. However, God in His infinite wisdom knew that with the nation of Israel growing as it was, and relating His words from mouth to mouth over a span of time, they would not always be kept in accordance with His original utterances. With such wisdom at His disposal, God moved upon certain scribes of His Jewish nation, and they in due season recorded what "Thus saith the Lord."

acquainted With BIBLE

W. D. Polen



Consistently with the ticking of time, these writings of the God-breathed scribes were recognized by the Jewish nation, and they were called *The Scriptures*. Later as innumerable writings began to appear, a "canon" or measuring stick was set up by the Jewish fathers to determine which of these writings were inspired of God, and which of them were just the everyday run of Jewish literature.

Generation after generation, copies of the original manuscripts were written as the old copies wore out with use. These manuscripts were written on sliced leaves from a water plant called *papyrus*, which was found in the land of Egypt. Writings have been discovered on walls, household utensils, tablets of stone and the like among the ruins of these ancient Biblical cities.

Since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, God's love-driven purpose for His communications with fallen man has been that man may come to realize God's everlasting love for him, and that through this realization of knowing His will, man may not sin against God.

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ honored the Holy Scriptures, and from them He read and quoted in the synagogues passages from Isaiah and Psalms. The disciples of our Lord were the first to publish the Word after the Risen Saviour had gone to His heavenly Father where He sits today as our Mediator between God and man. Some of the books of the New Testament bear their names. As early as 95 A.D. the early Christian writers such as Clement of Rome, Polycarp, Ignatius, Justin Martyr, and numerous others recognized the Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures which they continued to publish abroad.

As we look back to the year 1492 B.C. when God wrote upon the two tables of stone, and for over 1600 years hence, we must come to realize and declare that the same God which walked and talked with Adam in the Garden of Eden inspired over forty different authors taken from all walks of life to write thirty-nine Old Testament books, and twenty-seven New Testament ones.

All of the original manuscripts for the Old and New Testament books have not as yet been recovered from the ruins of ancient historical Biblical cities. However, manuscripts are continually being uncovered from the ancient ruins as explorers seek to uncover them.

In 1450 A.D. from Mainz, Germany, came the first movable-type printing press, invented by Johann Gutenberg. The Latin Bible, called the Mazian Bible, was the first printed book. With this new invention the Bible continued to grow from 4,000 known copies between the second and the fifteenth centuries to more than 30,000,000 which are now distributed annually to the young and the old alike, who share in its benefits as the guiding light for seeking mankind.

Since the second century A.D., many and varied translations of the Bible have made their way to the eyes of the seekers for knowledge, of which are—

The Old Syriac; The Peshite Syriac; The Old Latin; The Vulgate; The Coptic; The Ethiopic; The Gothic; The Armenian; The Arabic; The Slavic.

Of the English, there could be named—

Wycliffe's Bible; Tyndale's Bible; Coverdale's Bible; Geneva Bible; King James Version; Anglo-American Revision; Twentieth Century New Testament; Weymouth's New Testament; Fenton's Bible; Moffatt's Translation; Smith and Goodspeed; The New Testament in Basic English.

Berkley's Translation and the Revised Standard Version of 1948 are the most recent.

There in a nutshell you have the gist as to the nomenclature of your precious Bible. Make it your very best friend and constant companion. You can put your deepest confidence in your Bible because God has placed it into your hands that you may communicate and have knowledge with Him through our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *The Bible is the Word of God*. It is eternal. "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law," Matthew 5:18. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," John 1:1.

Kentucky State Prayer

Conference Outstanding

The Kentucky State Prayer Conference was outstanding in so many ways that it is difficult to point out all of its good features.

First, it was outstanding in its objective. The theme of the conference was "Evangelism by Consecration and Dedication," which became the heart throb of every minister attending this great meeting.

Our beloved state overseer, the Reverend T. A. Perkins, set the spirit of evangelism aflame in the very outset of the conference. His burden for the lost and vision for the needy, over-ripened, unevangelized villages, towns and cities of Kentucky made a mighty impact upon the entire ministerial body of this great state.

Second, it was outstanding in fellowship. I have never seen a more blessed spirit of fellowship among the ministry than was felt at this Prayer Conference; everyone seemed to have a definite concern for his fellow minister and it was indeed good and pleasant as the spirit of unity and fellowship prevailed.

Third, it was outstanding in its message. Each speaker's message had a definite connection with the theme of Evangelism and each speaker was well-informed and prepared to give us "meat in due season." The first message, delivered by the Reverend C. R. Spain, Overseer of Michigan, was a challenge to every God-called minister to face our solemn responsibility in carrying God's message to every town and village until the Church of God is established throughout the world.

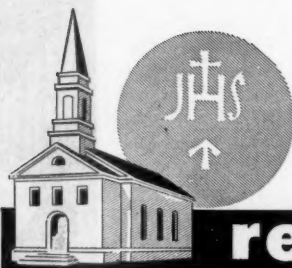
Our evening speaker was our esteemed assistant general overseer, Earl P. Paulk. Having known Brother Paulk for the past twenty-five years, I have never seen him more devoted and dedicated to the Church and its work than he was in this conference. The large crowds that heard the two great messages he brought were held spellbound under the mighty impact of the Holy Ghost as this master of the pulpit opened unto us the Scrip-

tures. There was both weeping and rejoicing.

Other outstanding messages were delivered by T. A. Perkins, Overseer of Kentucky; Ottis Riggs, James B. Youngblood, James T. Pitts, A. G. Thompson, and H. B. Sizemore. It would be impossible to give due honor to all these fine men of God for the wonderful messages they brought; it suffices to say they were all *outstanding*.

Fourth, it was outstanding in prospect. To me this is most important; such a meeting would only be time wasted if our vision had not been quickened and our zeal lifted to a greater degree. Truly we feel that our opportunities are greater than ever before; we feel the urge and surge to go as never before; therefore, our hopes are brighter than ever before for more and better churches in the great State of Kentucky. —R. E. Worley

Pastor, Cawood, Kentucky



reports

tion of the Spirit. Entitled "Why the Gospel Must Be Preached," this message especially touched the hearts of the ministers present. At the close of the service every man and woman that had ever known the call of God to preach the gospel unto every creature gathered at the altar in a reconsecration and a rededication prayer to ask God's guidance and help that they might be greater soul-winners for the Master.

Friday was a day of spiritual feasting for all who attended. The youth board of the two states opened the morning service with a panel discussion on subjects of D.V.B.S., youth projects, raising monies for the church, publications, missionary and orphanage projects, and other timely subjects presented to the pastors and laymen alike that they might better equip the youth of their respective churches to better run this race of life and to obtain the coveted goal of eternal life.

Present for the entire conference were our neighbors, the Reverend and Mrs. Charles Tilley, the overseer and his wife from the State of Idaho. An air of expectancy was felt as another great message was about to be preached by our Brother Tilley. Again the subject of personal evangelism was presented in the sermon "He That Winneth Souls Is Wise." Each soul present was made to feel conscious of the tremendous job upon every shoulder of getting the gospel to his neighbor and loved ones.

A panel discussion was again in order as the state board of the two states brought forth an enlightening discussion on subjects of prayer and fasting, home visita-

Washington-Oregon

Prayer Conference

"Sow the seed, sprinkle some dust over it, and watch God make it grow."

This was surely the seed that was planted in everyone's heart at the Washington-Oregon Prayer Conference that convened at Portland, Oregon, in the Powell Boulevard Church of God.

God's messenger for this great conference was the Reverend Earl P. Paulk, our Assistant General Overseer. On Thursday evening Brother Paulk broke the bread of life in a soul-stirring message preached in power and demonstra-

tion, communion and foot-washing, church membership and welcoming the newcomer to the church, water baptism, and evangelism in the local church. As each minister talked on his subject, our hearts were warmed to know that God has surely granted wisdom and knowledge to these men in caring for their flocks.

Brother Paulk put the crowning touch on the panel discussion with an exhortation on personal evangelism and soul-winning. Using the theme "Follow Me and I Will Make You Fishers of Men," Brother

Paulk spoke on a personal experience and how he won a soul to Christ.

The Portland L.W.B. did a splendid job of providing meals and lodging for all the visitors that had come as far as 320 miles to partake of the fellowship and spiritual food.

Friday evening found the choir full of young people to lead the congregation in the songs of Zion. Specials were sung by Brother and Sister Tilley; Brother and Sister Childress, the host pastor and his wife; Brother and Sister Heppard

from Seattle; and a wonderful quartet from the local church. The service was then turned over to Brother Paulk who preached a great doctrinal sermon concerning government of the Church and the teachings of the Church of God. It was a final touch to two truly great days. To everyone who helped to make this a very special conference, we say, "May God richly bless you." To our beloved Brother Paulk we say, "We are so happy to have had you, and we extend to you an open invitation to come back."

—Reporter

Orphanage Has Outstanding Revival



SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. — The Church, I am sure, will be interested to know that the Church of God Home for Children is still having some splendid services with many souls being blessed. A three-week revival was held at our local church here in Sevierville with a number of our children receiving a definite experience. At the close of that revival the Reverend H. D. Williams, our General Secretary-Treasurer, spoke to our children on Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning, and a real

old-time revival broke out in the Home. We continued on with the ministers here at the Home doing the preaching, and the final results were 35 saved, 28 sanctified, 20 filled with the Holy Ghost, 26 added to the Church, and 54 baptized in water. Included in those joining the Church were one of our workers and a large group of the older boys and girls. We have quite a few more of our larger children who will become members of our Church in the very near future. We are very happy that

the spiritual condition of the Home is good, and the children are much better satisfied than they have been for several months. We have 275 children and the majority of them are really good Christian boys and girls. We have been very fortunate in having some very outstanding visiting ministers in our week-end services. We desire an interest in your prayers that God will continue to bless the children and that their lives will be a real blessing and an inspiration while here and especially when they leave the Home.

—Cecil Bridges, Superintendent

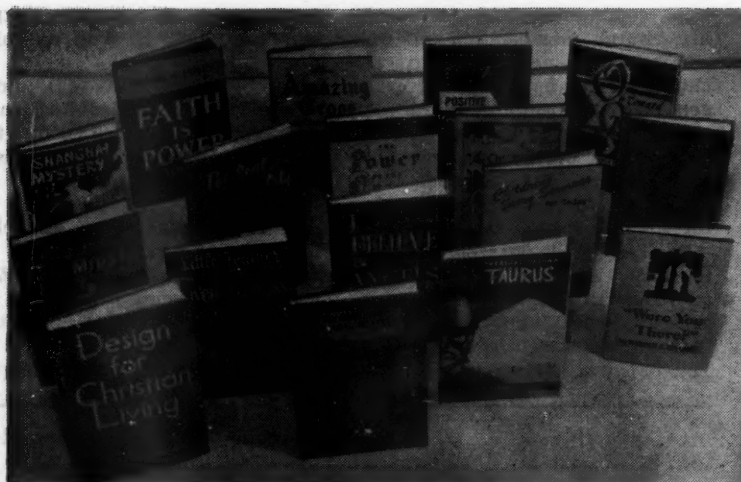
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—Church reporter

Eighteen Converted, Many Healed

CUMMING, Ga. — We have recently closed a two-week revival with Brother N. C. Ridgeway, our district pastor, as the evangelist. Eighteen were saved, 18 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost and 3 added to the Church. Many others were healed and revived. Brother Raymond Wilson is our pastor and is a wonderful preacher. Our Sunday School and Y.P.E. are growing.

—J. R. Hansard, reporter

Lady Conducts Successful Meeting

AVONDALE ESTATES, Ga. — We have just closed a two-week meeting with Sister Anne Brown of Atlanta as the evangelist. God so graciously smiled upon us with His Spirit and there were 7 saved, 7

sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost and 7 added to the Church. God is blessing the church at Avondale Estates, for which we give Him praise.

—Jim O. McClain, Sr., pastor

Husband Turns to Christ After Wife Prays Eighteen Years

FORT WORTH, Tex. — God has greatly blessed the White Settlement Church of God in Fort Worth, Texas, with a revival. Although the evangelist, the Reverend C. G. Crutcher of Lamesa, Texas, has gone, the revival continues. During the two weeks hardly a night passed without someone being saved or filled with the Holy Spirit. There were 14 saved, 21 sanctified, and 21 filled with the Holy Ghost. One man whose wife had been praying for him for 18 years, was saved and filled with the Spirit. The Junior High and High School Sunday School classes were almost 100 per cent saved and filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They really did work in the altar praying others

through to God. The revival was preceded by prayer and fasting. The whole church membership was renewed and encouraged. Many received healing.

When the revival started our church membership was 31. During the revival 21 joined the Church. Only two of these were by transfer. In the near future we are planning a great baptismal service.

We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister John B. Waller. They have devoted their lives to the ministry and have really worked hard for our church. We love and appreciate them very much. God is still working in the White Settlement Church of God. The night after the revival closed, one man was saved at home praying with his wife. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Pray for our continued growth.

—Cecil I. Cook, clerk
J. Martin Baldree, Jr., reporter

Revival Spirit Continues

LAKE CITY, Tenn. — The Lake City Church of God has just closed a wonderful four-week revival with Sister Syble Cannon from North Carolina as the evangelist. The church was greatly revived. Eighteen people were saved, 8 were sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost and 6 united with the Church. Seven were baptized in water. Many of these were adults. The revival spirit is still going. Anyone needing a good revival may contact Sister Cannon through the state office.

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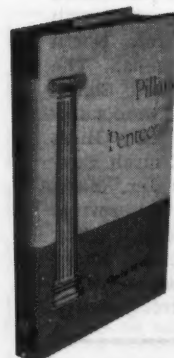
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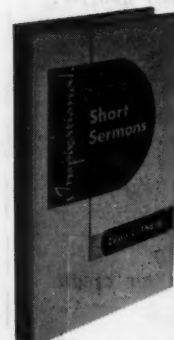
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—O. W. Polen
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—E. B. Carter, Pastor

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—L. G. Rouse.

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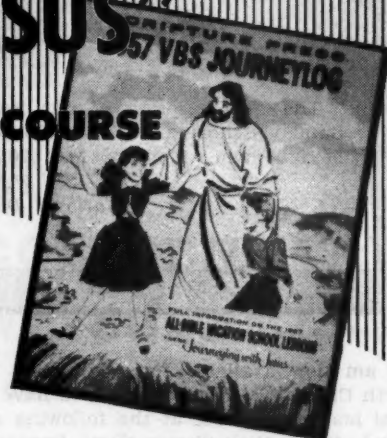
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